

**MINUTES**  
**CG MEETING**  
**IN-PERSON**  
**09/09/2023 - 11:00-16:00**

**Attendance**

**Present:**

- **Uachtarán: Shari Irfan**
- **Leas Uachtarán: Mohammad Naeem**
- **Education Officer: Heather Doyle**
- **Sustainability Officer: Róisín Myers**
- **Welfare Officer: Máirín Harding**
- **Equality Officer: Bel Nabulele**
- **Communications Officer: Leo Galvin**
- **Regional Liaison & Support Officer: Louisa Tyrrell**
- **Disability Officer: Sarah Kirwan**
- **Uachtarán Oinigh: Caitlin Faye Maniti**

**With Apologies:**

- **Oifigeach Na Gaeilge: Eimear Nic Dhonnchadha**
- **International Officer: Iffah Rahmat**

**Absent:**

## Agenda

<b>1.1 - Welcome and Introduction - Uachtarán</b>	11:00 - 11:10
<b>1.2 -Minutes of last meeting for adoption - Leas-Uachtarán</b> <small>Coiste Gnó Minutes 18/08/2023</small>	11:10 - 11:15
<b>2 - Officer Check-in - Uachtarán</b>	11:15 - 11:25
<b>3 - Email Signatures - Communications Officer</b>	11:25 - 11:35
<b>4 - Civic Education Survey Questions - Education Officer</b>	11:35 - 11:55
<b>BREAK</b>	11:55 - 12:00
<b>5 - NCCA SPHE Consultation</b>	12:00 - 13:30
<b>LUNCH</b>	13:30 - 14:00
<b>6 - Rural Students Working Group Proposal - Sustainability Officer</b>	14:00 - 14:30
<b>7 - TY Reform Stances - Education Officer</b>	14:30 - 15:00
<b>8 - Union Stances Book - Education Officer</b>	15:00 - 15:15
<b>9 - Officer Activity - Uachtarán</b>	15:15 - 15:25
<b>10 - Tiktok - ALL</b>	15:25 - 16:00
<b>11 - AOB</b>	16:00 - 16:30

## **1.1 Welcome and Introduction**

Uachtarán welcomes the CG to their second in-person meeting.

## **1.2 Minutes of last meeting for adoption**

Minutes adopted, Leas-Uachtarán proposed and Communications Officer seconded

## **2. Officer Check In**

Officers present provide a brief update on their work since their last meeting; for more details please read our most up to date MEOW at <https://www.issu.ie/coiste-gn-updates>

## **3. Updated email signature redesign**

*Communications Officer proposes updated email signature with amendments proposed from the last meeting.*

*Education Officer feels the colour of their email signature looks unprofessional .*

*Communications Officer states yellow is the colour of the Education officer*

*RLSO agrees that yellow is not the best colour for the Education Officers email signature.*

*Equality Officer asks if the ISIC banner picture can be changed to reflect the new Uachtarán.*

*Officers ask for a training video on how to add email signatures.*

*Vote by acclamation - the email signature has been approved.*

## **4 - Civic Education Survey Questions**

*Education Officer asks for support with Civic Education survey questions, shares a jamboard with the Coiste Gnó and explains how to input into the jamboard.*

*Uachtarán asks when will this survey launched?*

*Education Officer states that hopefully it will be announced early to mid October. Wants to utilise the Regional Councils to promote the survey and create awareness about Vote @ 16.*

*Uachtarán Oinigh asks when the deadline is for the jamboard.*

*Education Officer states next Saturday and they will remind everyone to fill it out.*

## **BREAK**

### **5 - NCCA SPHE Consultation**

The Coiste Gnó were consulted by the NCCA regarding the draft SPHE Specification.

## **LUNCH**

### **6 - Rural Students Working Group Proposal**

Sustainability Officer proposes their working group proposal, explains this working group existed in the last Coiste Gnó term and it is a mandated working group.

The Working Group will be used to organise events eg SDGs&Me, it will be a representative group of rural students from all over Ireland. The members will be forefront in all decisions. They would also like the working group to take part in social media takeovers.

Sustainability Officer discusses the issues and campaigns they will be working on. Looking at the disadvantages rural students face due to their geographical location.

Floor opens for questions

Uachtarán asks if the working group will be an external working group.

Sustainability Officer says yes.

Communications Officer we would not be able to give access to external students to social media .

Sustainability Officer understands and did not mean that by social media takeover

The working group is put forward for approval.

Vote:

9 Yes 0 No 1 Abstain

### **7 - TY Reform Stances**

Education Officer discusses the Transition Year (TY) NCCA Consultation, and the lack of numbers confirmed for the in-person event.

Officers discuss different routes to increase participation, Uachtarán Oinigh proposes

inviting alumni.

RLSO will speak to the Regional Officer Body (ROB) about attending, and highlights the need to prioritise the ROB to attend.

Uachtarán Oinigh if low uptake from ROB, a contingency plan is needed.

Education Officer goes through the draft TY Reform Stances, some of them came from a 2014 report ISSU completed on TY

The 2014 TY review report link :

Uachtarán Oinigh proposes an amendment to the third stance regarding “TY should not be an academically focused year”, suggests that it should be reworded. As there are academic aspects to TY.

Officers will work together on rewording the stance.

Vote:

Yes 9 No 0 abstain 1

### **8 - Union Stances Book (15:16- LU + EQU exit)**

Education Officer explains the Union Stances Book, asks CG officers to put forward stances relevant to their remits. Recommends publishing our stances book for transparency.

Uachtarán Oinigh opposes publishing due to potential political risks and instead proposes to publishing ISSU submissions on the website

RLSO proposes allowing stances book to be provided on request to [studentvoice@issu.ie](mailto:studentvoice@issu.ie)

Sustainability Officer opposes publishing due to media response ‘out of the blue’ publishing of stances book.

Communications Officer agrees with Sustainability Officer.

Uachtarán mentions [studentvoice@issu.ie](mailto:studentvoice@issu.ie) already receives queries of this type

RLSO asks access for ROB.

Education Officer, recommends publishing to ROB so that they can better act autonomously.

Communications Officer stances would be distributed on case by case.

Education stances will be kept within the organisation and provided to the ROB

Point of action - RLSO will distribute the stances book to the ROB, to be kept within the organisation.

### **9 - Officer Activity**

Uachtarán states that If you are having problems with capacity, you delegate and communicate with each other.

Uachtarán Oinigh, the Uachtarán takes responsibility for CG officers, responsibility to communicate and act and work together.

### **10 - Tiktok**

Some Coiste Gnó Officers went to TCD to create a Tiktok, please follow our tiktok if you don't already do so!

### **11 - AOB**

No AOB

